

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

THURSDAY, Dec. 28, 1858.

SENATE.

The Senate was called to order shortly after 11

o'clock.

Mr. Thomas presented the petition of several hun-

dred citizens of Cherokee county praying for the es-

tablishment of a new county out of a part of Chero-

keek. Referred to the committee on propositions and

gratifications.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Houston, from the committee on the judiciary,

against the passage of the engrossed bill for the

punishment of horse stealing.

Also, from the same committee, in favor of the

passage of the bill making husbands responsible for

the debts of their deceased wives.

Mr. Lankford, from the same committee, to whom

had been referred a resolution in favor of G. M. Al-

bright, reported the same back to the Senate with

a recommendation that it be referred to the com-

mittee on claims. So referred.

Mr. Carshel, from the judiciary committee, in

favor of the bill relating to Executors and Adminis-

trators.

Also, from the same committee, against the passage

of the bill to amend the 59th chap. Rev. Code, enti-

tled Insolvent Debtors.

Mr. Gorrell, from the same committee, against the

bill concerning county courts.

Also, from the same committee, in favor of the bill

to prevent the felling of timber in Trent and other rivers.

Mr. Dobson, from the same committee, against the

bill relating to deeds of *feme covert*.

Also, from the same, on the bill requiring the day

of receiving or executing justice's process to be re-

corded.

COUNCILORS OF STATE.

Mr. Gorrell, from the joint select committee, to

superintend the election of Councilors of State, yes-

terday, reported the result of the vote. [The num-

ber of votes is correct as given yesterday, but there

were a few scattering exchanges of votes worthy of

notice.] Report concurred in, and Messrs. Gran-

berry, &c., declared duly elected.

Mr. Donnell moved to reconsider the vote by which

the bill requiring an oath of office from the Clerks of

the Assembly was rejected.

After some little discussion and skirmishing the

vote was reconsidered, and the bill postponed for

amendment.

Mr. McDonald introduced a bill to incorporate

Carthage Lodge, 181, A. Y. M. Referred to the

committee on corporations.

Mr. Thomas introduced a resolution, instructing

the committee on propositions and gratifications to en-

quire into the expediency of establishing a new

county out of portions of Jackson, Madison and Chero-

keek; and that in estimating the population, all per-

sons on the census lists, and all Cherokee Indians

within the contemplated boundaries, be taken into

account.

Mr. Turner moved the resolution be referred to the

committee on the Sinking Fund, (laughter.)

Mr. Thomas preferred the committee on proposi-

tions and gratifications. So referred.

The Speaker announced that in consequence of

the small number of Senators present he would not

proceed with the business on the file unless

specially called up.

CHRISTMAS LEGISLATION.

Mr. Turner got the floor and was proceeding to

address the Senate.

Mr. Donnell, (interrupting him.) Mr. Speaker, is

there anything before the Senate?

Mr. Speaker. Yes, the Senator from Orange.—

(Laughter.)

A Senator. I move an amendment. (Continued

laughter.)

Numerous motions to adjourn were now rejected.

Senator — introduced the following bill:

A BILL TO PREVENT THE SAILING UNDER FALSE COLORS.

*Be it enacted, &c., and it is hereby enacted by the**authority of the same, That any female citizen of**this commonwealth, who shall, by the artful use of**hooped skirts, high-heeled shoes, false hair, Spanish**whiskers, or the like, be guilty of seducing or**attempting to seduce, any of the male citizens of**this State into matrimony, shall be deemed and held**guilty of a violation of the laws for the punishment**of witchcraft.*

The bill was read the first time, and the rules

being suspended it was put on its second reading.

Speaker. As this is a private bill, notice of ap-

plication must be produced. (Laughter.)

1st Senator. I think the object of the bill essen-

tially public. ("Good.")

2d Senator. Is it open for amendment? (Loud

laughter.) If so, I propose to amend by including

within the provisions of the bill all male citizens

wearing shawls, wigs, false whiskers and using per-

fumery.

[Here Mr. Speaker Clark showed a little restive-

ness, but he soon quieted quickly from his restive-

ness, and he spoke of the bill as "a bill for the

glorious light revealed the advance of "merrie

Christmas," and calling a Senator to the chair, he

left to their full bent these children of a larger

genius.]

3d Senator. I am against the bill, Mr. Speaker.

For though I was opposed to enlarging the powers

of married women—(order, order.)—I am in favor

of unmarried ladies spreading themselves and having

full swing. (Convulsive laughter.) I move for a

committee on unmarried women's rights, and sug-

gest the gallant Senator from Cumberland and Har-

nett as chairman. (Laughter.)

Senator, springing up. I have no objection to

the suggestion of my young friend, for I have no-

thing to complain of in respect to the ladies. I cer-

tainly have suffered nothing from their encroachments

as yet.

6th Senator. I see, Mr. Speaker, there is no pros-

pect of settling this question to-day; I therefore

move to adjourn.

6th Senator addressing 6th. What news from

home. [Allusion to important domestic news re-

ceived.]

5th Senator. The population is increasing in the

West. We want new counties. (Loud laughter.)

6th Senator. I move for a committee to ascer-

tain how many Know-nothings are in the Senate.

7th Senator. There is no use for a committee;

the Commons, laboring under this general impres-

sion as to the unworthy motive of the mover, would

have ordered a reference of his resolution to a com-

mittee?

We do not propose, however, to argue the ques-

tion as to Mr. Fairbault's motives, or to go into the

subject matter of his resolution. Our only purpose

is to protest against the injustice done Mr. Fairbault

by the *News*, and to express the belief that the House

of Commons contains no member more honest than

Mr. F., or more uniformly disposed to do what he

thinks is right.

Mr. BRITTON'S MUSICAL CONCERT.—We had the

pleasure of being present on Wednesday evening

last at the Concert given by the scholars of Raleigh

Female Seminary, in the large room of the school

edifice on Hillsborough street. The large audience

in attendance testified their delight by frequent ap-

plause. Where all did so well it would be unjust

and unkind to discriminate. The scholars exhibited

unmistakable evidence of having been carefully and

skillfully instructed. We are gratified to learn that

the school, under the management of the Rev. Mr.

Barton as Principal, is constantly growing in public

favor, and that it will commence the next year with

the most flattering guarantees of permanence and

prosperity.

The following public officers in North Carolina

have been appointed by the President and confirmed

by the Senate: James E. Gibble, Collector

at Beaufort; James T. Miller, Collector at Wilming